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LEADER ON RUN

Aguinaldo Makes Escape in a Carriage.

A REBEL GENERAL FOR PEACE

Says the Insurgent Government Has Deserted Him—General Lawton Advancing.

MANILA, May 16.—Aguinaldo is reported to have fled into the province of Nueva Ecija. He left Balingag on April 29th, and at that town and at San Isidro nothing is known definitely as to where he is. He fled to the rear in a carriage.

The rebels have moved 5000 Spanish prisoners north of San Isidro, and it is believed they have divided them up into small detachments. It will be difficult for the Americans to reach them this season. General Gregorio del Pilar has offered to surrender providing he gets satisfactory terms. The rebel hospital at San Isidro is filled to overflowing, and many of the wounded soldiers are in shocking condition from lack of care.

Lieut. Cole today escorted Legarda, Aguinaldo's former Minister of Finance, who is friendly to the Americans, from Manila, to an appointed place of meeting, where Legarda conferred with Gen. Trias, the insurgent Minister of War, concerning the negotiations for peace. Legarda returned to Manila this evening.

Popular sentiment has forced the retreating rebel army to stop burning towns. The American policy of respecting property has won favor. Five American prisoners were taken north through San Isidro a few days ago. Their identity is not known. Gen. Pilar says his willingness to surrender comes from the fact that the insurgent Government has deserted him.

NEW YORK, May 15.—A cable to the Sun dated Manila, May 15, 11:20 a. m., says: Gen. Lawton advanced this morning toward San Isidro from San Miguel, leaving a garrison at Balingag. Gen. MacArthur, with his command, remains at San Fernando.

WASHINGTON, May 14.—The following dispatch from Maj. Gen. Otis, giving the status of the military situation as it now exists in the operations against the insurgents, was received at the War Department today:

"MANILA, May 14.—Adjutant-General, Washington: The situation is as follows: Lawton from Balingag has taken Idefonso and San Miguel to the north, with slight loss, after driving out a considerable force of the enemy. Gunboats and canoes accompany 1500 men, under Maj. Kobbe, up the Rio Grande River from Calumpit, to depart the 16th. MacArthur remains at San Fernando, covering the country. "Yesterday a messenger arrived from Aguinaldo, expressing a wish to send a commission to Manila for a conference with the United States Commission to arrange terms of peace. Directions were given to pass the body of representatives of the insurgents to Manila should it present itself.

"OTIS."

FROM AGUINALDO.

LONDON, May 15.—The Filipino junta here has received the following message from Aguinaldo cabled from Hongkong under date of May 12th: "The Filipino Government, in accordance with the general feeling of the country, has decided to continue the war at all costs until independence is secured. The Filipinos energetically refuse the Americans' peace overtures, based on restrictive autonomy coupled with promises of a subsequent self-government."

GOMEZ GIVES UP.

HAVANA, May 15, 8:40 p. m.—Gen. Maximo Gomez informed Governor-General Brooke today that he must withdraw from the plan of distributing the \$3,000,000 appropriated to the payment of the Cuban troops to the extent that he will not name any other commissioners to replace those originally named by him who have refused to serve.

Governor-General Brooke is to go ahead with a new plan, Gomez remain-

ing in an attitude of friendly inactivity.

MCKINLEY TO MEET THEM.

HOT SPRINGS, Va., May 15.—It is the intention of President McKinley to be in the Western States at the time of the return of the volunteers who have done heroic service in the Philippines. It is expected that the necessity for the retention of the volunteers in the island of Luzon will not exist much longer, and when the volunteers reach their native States for muster out Mr. McKinley hopes to be there to greet and honor them.

CHINESE OPPOSITION.

HONGKONG, May 15.—The native opposition to the occupation by British forces of the new territory, Kowloon opposite Hongkong, has suddenly been renewed. One thousand three hundred and fifty soldiers, 100 artillerymen, 50 engineers and 500 marines have gone to the scene. The greatest secrecy is observed as to the plans of the British authorities, and nothing is definitely known.

BATTLE AT PRINCETON.

PRINCETON, N. J. May 15.—Princeton's students and Pawnee Bill's Wild West employes indulged in a pitched battle today, and serious rioting was prevented only by the presence of men with cool heads and the action of President Patton of Princeton University, later in the day, in calling a mass meeting of all the students.

RIOTING IN CIENFUEGOS.

One Man Killed and Several Hurt in a Fight—Capt. Barker.

CIENFUEGOS (Cuba), May 15, 8 P. M.—About 5 o'clock this afternoon a gang of Cuban dock laborers called upon Captain Barker, Captain of the Port, and made a demand for back pay. As they were violent, Captain Barker drew his revolver. The laborers retired, but returned soon after with fifty others and made a similar demand, using obscene and profane language, insulting Captain Barker and offering threats.

The Cuban police were ordered to arrest the malcontents and a general street fight followed, in which one laborer was killed and several persons were wounded, including three members of the police force. As the Cuban populace became very insulting and threatened revenge, an outbreak was expected, and the Second United States Infantry was ordered into the city. The troops are patrolling the town this evening.

TRANSVAAL WAR CLOUD.

LONDON, May 14.—The Cape Town correspondent of the Daily Mail says: At a meeting of the commandants on the western border of the Transvaal yesterday (Saturday), instructions were issued to the burghers to prepare to take the field at a moment's notice.

The negotiations are still pending for the proposed meeting between President Kruger and Sir Alfred Milner, Governor of Cape Colony.

Mr. Chamberlain (British Colonial Secretary) is said, will not assent to the conference unless the Transvaal executive pledges himself to initiate bona fide reforms.

JOHANNESBURG, May 14.—The work of fortifying the redoubts and the hill tops at points of strategic importance is progressing rapidly.

HAVANA FORTS WORTHLESS.

HAVANA, May 15.—Colonel Reide has been making an inspection of the forts around Havana preparatory to a report to General Brooke. He says that enormous sums were spent by the Spaniards upon defenses that are now utterly worthless. Cabanas fortress alone cost originally \$14,000,000, but two or three well-directed shells almost demolished it, and the same is said to be the case of all the rest of the fortresses, including Morro Castle. Col. Reide says that one sharpshooter stationed on the roof of the Tacón Theater, with an ordinary service rifle, could practically render any Havana fort untenable. A single artillery shot could, in many instances, make a whole wall crumble into dust.

RETURN OF VOLUNTEERS.

WASHINGTON, May 11.—In response to requests for information sent by the War Department General Otis today cabled that he would begin sending home the volunteers about the end of May. The first troops to be returned will be the First California Infantry, two battalions of which are at Negros and one in General Owenshine's brigade, south of Manila.

FAULT OF A GUN

Official Story of Samoan Ambush Given.

PRAISE FOR THE HEROISM

Briton and Yankee Side By Side—The Colt Machine Gun—Report of Admiral Kautz.

WASHINGTON, May 15.—Secretary Long today made public so much of a recent letter from Admiral Kautz on the Samoan affair as touched the killing of a number of American sailors by Mataafa adherents near Apia on the 1st of April.

The report is an elaboration of the description of the affair which was cabled at the time from Auckland. No mention is made at any point of the reported participation in the affray of the German, Hufnam, the manager of the plantation where the fight occurred. It is shown that the failure of the Colt gun to work properly was in a large measure the cause of the American and British defeat.

Admiral Kautz says the expedition was protected by Captain Sturdee of the Porpoise. For several nights preceding, the sentries had been fired upon by the natives, and it became necessary to drive them away. Kautz says that it was the opinion of all the officers who had the matter in charge that the force was ample to do the work without risk, especially as it was to move out along the beach and return the same way, under the protection of the guns of her majesty's ship Royalist. It is safe to say, says the Admiral, that after Lieutenants Freeman and Lansdale had conferred together they did what they deemed best under the circumstances and the disaster that followed could not be foreseen.

Admiral Kautz appends the reports of the surviving officers of the expedition, which were transmitted by Captain White of the Philadelphia. In his letter of transmittal the Captain commends in the strongest terms the work of Passed Assistant Surgeon G. A. Lung. He says: "At times when the fire from the concealed natives was thickest, and at all times, by his example, he encouraged the young and inexperienced men to the proper performance of duty. At the completion of the work of his profession he assumed command of our bluejackets and marched them to the United States Consulate."

Captain White describes at some length the happenings of April 1st as gathered from a close examination of the petty officers and men engaged in the fight. He says that several excursions had been made into the brush back of Apia during the last ten days of March. Very few natives had been observed and when seen they always fled when fired upon by the Colt automatic gun. Lieutenant Lansdale set great store by the gun and frequently operated it himself.

Says Captain White: "He appeared to depend greatly on the gun when the party was ambushed on April 1st. Twice it did not work and time was lost in overhauling it and great delay was consumed in trying to get it through the wire fence. Lieutenant Lansdale was loath to abandon it, but the fire was so galling that before he was wounded he was compelled to scatter the important parts and leave it behind. Prudence led him to deploy his men in open order. The thicket was so dense that after the order for retreat was sounded it was not possible for the groups to render each other mutual support."

EUROPE AND DEWEY.

WASHINGTON, May 14.—Admiral Dewey's home-coming by way of the Mediterranean is likely to give occasion for distinguished honors from the navies of Europe, most of them being represented by extensive squadrons in those waters, and some of them having their chief naval stations at Mediterranean ports.

HOYT AND A DOCTOR.

NEW YORK, May 15.—Dr. William J. M. Barry has brought an action in

the Supreme Court to recover \$1000 from Charles B. Hoyt, the theatrical manager.

COMPRESSED AIR IN CHICAGO.

CHICAGO, May 13.—The first trip in Chicago of a car operated by compressed air was made this morning over the tracks of the North Chicago Street Railroad Company between the barns and Washington street. The run was made in the place of the first "Owl" car. The experiment was so successful that the company will supply at once all its North Side lines with similar cars in place of horse cars, which now make night trips.

TO SUCCEED DEWEY.

Among the through passengers on the Peking is Rear Admiral Geo. Watson. He is to proceed at once to Manila where he will relieve Admiral Dewey. Admiral Watson will take command of the naval forces in the Philippines. Dewey is to return home at once by way of the Suez canal and \$150,000 has been appropriated by New York City to give him a fitting reception.

BRITISH PACIFIC CABLE.

VICTORIA, B. C., May 10.—Matters are going forward toward the establishment of the trans-Pacific cable. A week ago the government of the province of British Columbia wrote to the Ottawa government offering to contribute \$1,000,000, a ninth of the cost of the cable. Today the news is given on good authority from Esquimaux, the British naval station on this coast, that H. M. S. Egeria, Captain Smythe, is to be commissioned within a few days to survey for a cable between British Columbia and New South Wales. The route chosen, said the officer, would be an all British one. It would extend from Victoria to Norfolk Island, or perhaps Tonga, and thence to Sydney, New South Wales.

MILES.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—"The President is commander-in-chief of the ment to make. It would be an unsoldierly act were I to do so."

The report finds that Gen. Miles' charges that the refrigerated beef was embelmed or unfit for use as food for troops were not sustained and that he had not sufficient justification for these charges. With respect to the canned roast beef, the court supports so much of the allegations of the Major-General commanding as relate to its unsuitability for food as actually used on the transports, and as to its extensive or long-continued use as a field ration. None of the other charges as to the canned beef are sustained.

QUIET AT APIA.

WASHINGTON, May 10.—Rear-Admiral Kautz cables from Apia, under date of May 3d as follows:

"The Brutus arrived April 29th. The condition of affairs is much improved. I have withdrawn the marines from the shore, as their presence is no longer required."

CHINESE AND HAWAII.

WASHINGTON, May 10.—Assistant Secretary of War Meiklejohn denies saying the Chinese exclusion act does not apply to Hawaii and that they may enter there unrestricted. The solicitor of the Department of Justice recently rendered an opinion that the Chinese exclusion act did not apply to those Chinese residents of Hawaii who were visiting China when the United States acquired Hawaii, but in all other respects the law applies.

RUSSIA TURNED DOWN.

SHANGHAI, May 14.—The Tsung-li Yamen (Chinese Foreign Office) has replied to the Russian Minister at Peking, M. de Giers, that the Government is unable to accede to the Russian demand, made last Wednesday, for a new railway concession connecting Peking with Russia's present system in Manchuria.

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